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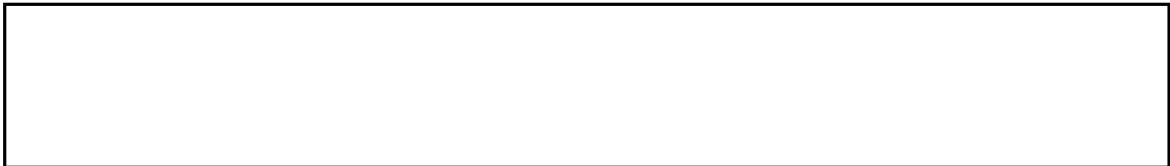
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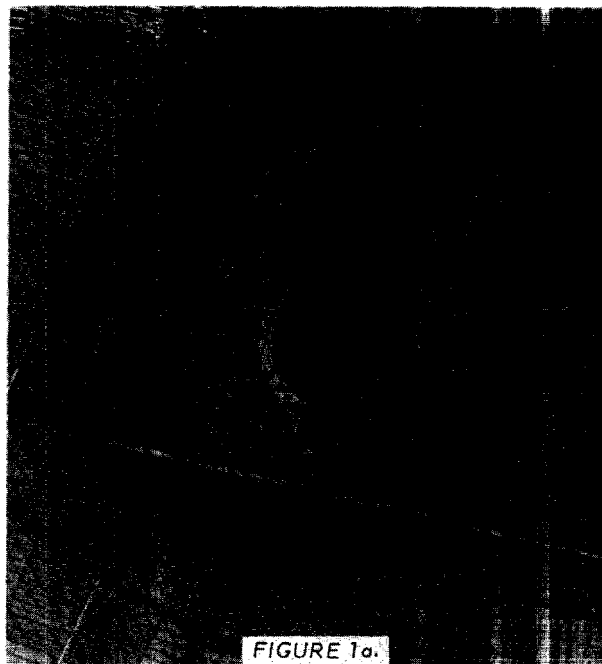


FIGURE 1a.

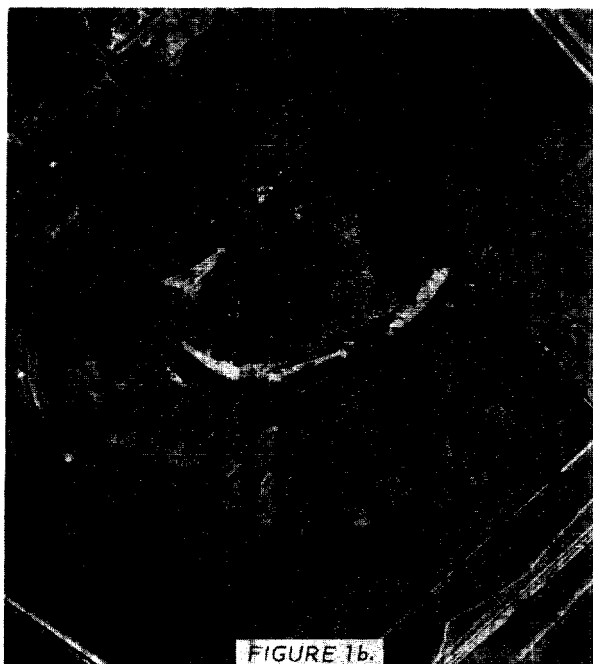


FIGURE 1b.

POSSIBLE SAWRF'S IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION,
NEAR TIENTSIN, CHINA, [REDACTED]

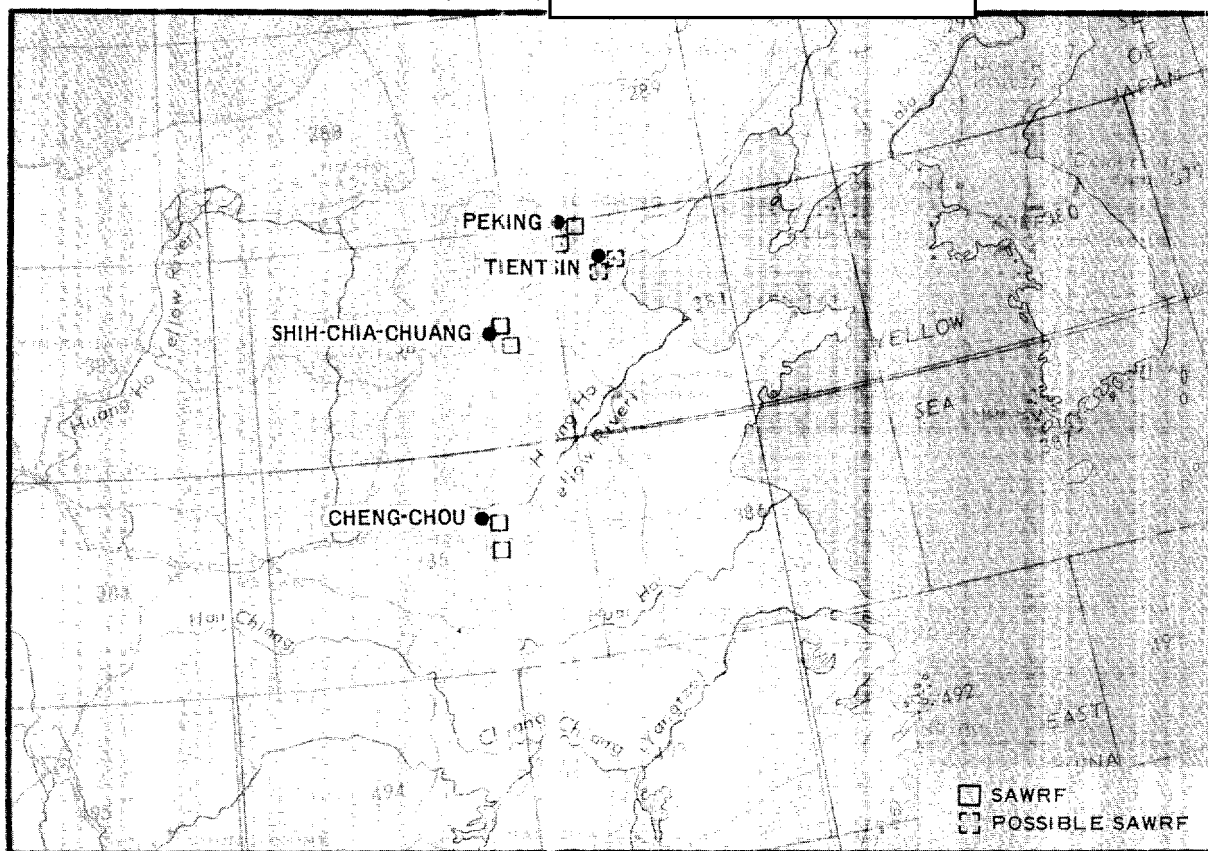


FIGURE 2. LOCATIONS OF SAWRF'S AND POSSIBLE SAWRF'S
IN THE NORTH CHINA PLAIN, [REDACTED]

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Evidence of Additional SAWRF Construction

Unusual construction activity, which IAS considers may be the start of two SAWRF's, has been newly identified near Tientsin, China.

One area of activity is 13 nautical miles (nm) east of Tientsin and slightly north of the rail line that connects Tientsin with the port of Tangku. Initial construction was begun in [] By [] a new rail spur had been built to the site and construction was well under way (see Figure 1a).

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The second area of construction is 8 nm south of Tientsin and 15 nm west-southwest of the first area. Initial construction at the site was observed on photography of [] but no activity was visible on late [] coverage. On photography of [] the configuration of the outer perimeter was well defined, and construction was supported by a new rail spur (see Figure 1b).

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The pace of construction at both new areas differs from that seen at the SAWRF's identified previously. No corridor system has yet been begun [] after the start of construction, whereas corridors have been about the first thing to appear at the other locations. Because both construction sites are in very low, wet terrain, however, there may be an intent to elevate the foundations prior to construction of the corridor systems.

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For the locations of these construction projects and the six SAWRF's previously built in the North China Plain see Figure 2.

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